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GET YOUR COATS ON PEOPLE !

IT'S OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMORROW



COME ALONG FROM 11 – 2pm

**Santa's grotto * Carved Reindeer * Cakes * Games * Tombola * Sweets
Hamper raffle * Wish tree * Make day * Tea towels * Bottle lights ***

Famous 'trolley' raffle (Shhhh...)

Grab a hot dog, some homemade soup or a warming mulled wine!



**GET YOUR HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY AT PICK UP,
OR AT THE FAIR TOMORROW**

Please make sure you bring cash tomorrow, as we only have one card reader.

Secrets room – last call, please return slips on Monday.

Covid cases

We still have Covid cases across the school and are doing what we can to minimise contact by remaining in bubbles, making the children wash their hands at regular intervals etc. Please remain vigilant and if your child shows any one of the three symptoms, please arrange a PCR straight away.

- A temperature of 37.8 or over
- A new, continuous cough
- A change or loss of sense of smell or taste

Please note that lateral flow tests are only accurate if your child is a-symptomatic. The test may give a false negative if your child already has the virus and it is for this reason that a PCR should be booked.

Staff are testing regularly and we would ask that if your child has been in contact with a positive case that you test them for everyone's protection in the school community.

Shooting Stars

On Wednesday the whole school got to see *Sleeping Beauty*, performed by the travelling pantomime company Shooting Stars. Thank you to the HGSA for paying for this, it was very last minute due to cancellation of the trip to the White Rock in Hastings. We will try for this again next year!

Collective Worship – Compassion

This week we have been thinking about how we can show compassion to people who do not have enough. This includes food and clothing, amongst other things. The children all know that all their donations for the Harvest Festival were taken to the food bank in Hastings. Many people show compassion by giving clothes and belongings that they no longer need to charities. Jesus said that his followers must show compassion to those in need.

Attendance for this week

Willow – 96.7% - 2 late arrivals

Silver Birch – 92.1% - 4 late arrivals

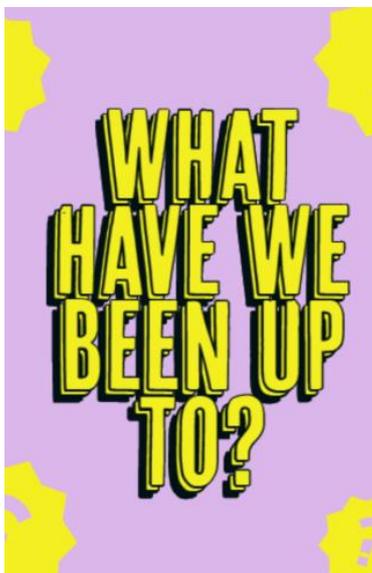
Chestnut – 93.6% - 1 late arrival

Maple – 95% - 2 late arrivals

Oak – 86% - 0 late arrivals

Whole School – 92.3%

The national average is over 96%



Nursery

We have had a super fun week in Nursery! We have spent a lot of time outside, as although it is cold, the sun has been out! We had a great time watching the "Search for Santa" pantomime on Thursday which was performed by Shooting Stars. We have decorated our Christmas tree and the Nursery and we have been singing Christmas songs. We read the story 'The Best Christmas Ever'.

Willow

We have started getting into the Christmas spirit. We have been 'trimming' Santa's beard every day and we have decorated our class Christmas tree with baubles, lights and paper chains. We have been wrapping presents and writing gift tags to go under our tree. We have been thinking about one more and one less in Maths. We loved the pantomime on Thursday too!

Head Teacher Award: Nancy - for being an amazing audience member!

Reader of the week: Ruby

Silver Birch

This week we have been very busy getting ready for our Nativity and our Christmas Fair! The children have made wonderful items ready for you to buy and treasure. In English we enjoyed a free writing experience where Pokémon's and ender dragons made an appearance! The children worked very hard editing their punctuation and using descriptive language. In Maths we remembered how to make fact families using the four operations and even had time to squeeze in our reading assessment.

Head Teacher Award Yr 1: Michelle for improved sentence structure.

Head Teacher Award Yr 2: Rex for trying really hard in Maths.

Reader of the week: Naia

Chestnut

Chestnut class have been writing Christmas letters this week and discussed the meaning of Christmas as we enter the Advent period. In Maths we focused on the 6 times table, building on fluency and problem-solving skills using multiplication and division. We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Saturday as we worked hard on our Christmas decorations.

Head Teacher Award Yr 3: Daniel for his fantastic arithmetic work

Head Teacher Award Yr 4: Joshua for his brilliant work in arithmetic and problem solving

Reader of the week: Maddie

Maple

Maple's week got off to rather a genteel start, as we spent Monday learning all about tea. As part of our topic on China, we learnt the history of tea production and were surprised to find out that tea predates the Shang Dynasty and that tea was first eaten, not drunk! The highlight of our day was tasting a variety of delicious teas from Fauchon, Paris; the spicy chai was definitely our favourite. In Maths, we have been focusing on area and perimeter, calculating the area and perimeter of shapes both by counting squares and by using simple formulas. Our French learning continues apace as we have learnt to have simple conversations with shopkeepers. This inspired us to create a French street scene during our art lesson.

Head Teacher Award Yr 5: Fraser for fantastic effort to speak in full sentences during French lessons.

Reader of the week: Sophie

Oak

In Maths, we have been learning about factors and multiples as well as fraction problem solving. In English and Science, we have been learning about the life of Charles Darwin and have written a biography about him. We have also been sewing our Christmas decorations for the fair - please come and buy them tomorrow to raise money for our school.

Head Teacher Award Yr 6: Freddie for getting all of his homework done this week!

Reader of the week: Henry



A HUGE thank you to you all for your generous donations to the Poppy Appeal – we raised £251.37 which is FANTASTIC.